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## FRENCH TROOPS WON A GREAT VICTORY ON THE ITALIAN FRONT

### Captured More Enemy Prisoners Than They Had Men Engaged---Prisoners Looked Like Riffraff From the Slums-- Raids on Western Front.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Jan. 3.—The French in their recent successful operations on Monte Tomba captured more prisoners than they had men engaged, according to a veteran officer who witnessed the fight. From the top of a near by hill he saw the French attack and afterwards saw the prisoners, guns and booty brought in. The French also captured their first Austrian prisoners, which is another milestone for them, as heretofore they had captured only Germans.

The officer added: "In addition to the 1,400 prisoners, we counted 560 dead on the ground, and no one knows how many more were in the caverns and underbrush. The perfect French military system enabled them to accomplish this with insignificant loss—less than fifty men. When the prisoners were led in, I never saw a more miserable, pitiful, starved lot of soldiers. They looked like the riffraff from the slums of some big city. Even the officers appeared underfed and under-clothed, and I saw only one with a whole pair of breeches."

#### Enemy Works Bombarded.

London, Jan. 3.—More than 200 bombs were dropped on Tuesday on various targets, including a large ammunition depot near Courtrai, and the Ingelmunster airdrome, according to an official statement tonight on the aerial operations. "In air fighting," the statement says, "two hostile machines were brought down inside our lines and two others driven down out of control. One of our machines is missing."

#### Raiding Parties Repulsed.

London, Jan. 3.—"Hostile raiding parties were repulsed last night south and southeast of LaBassée, leaving a few prisoners in our hands," the War Office reports. "The enemy artillery showed considerable activity during the night east of Epehy."

#### Some Artillery Fighting.

Paris, Jan. 3.—"Heavy artillery fighting occurred during the night, especially on the Aisne front, in the region of Landri-court, and Cavaliers de Courey, in the sector of Maisons de Champagne, and on the right bank of the Meuse," says today's official report. "Two enemy raids, one south of the Oise, the other near Carnillet, were repulsed completely."

## THREE MACDONALDS ARE IN JAIL AT HALIFAX ON FORGERY CHARGE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

HALIFAX, Jan. 3.—Three Macdonalds, all soldiers, are in the city jail on charges of forgeries, the checks having been passed in Halifax, Truro, New Glasgow and Sydney. The three alleged forgers are not related to each other, but were working together in the passing of forged pay checks to a total amount of about \$500. Norman Macdonald, one of the trio, was arrested at New Glasgow on New Year's Day and handed over to Chief Soy. Just as the chief was putting his prisoner in the cell, he found himself looking into the muzzle of Macdonald's revolver. He retreated and the prisoner escaped.

Norman Macdonald was arrested at the home of his parents in Halifax. His mother tried to persuade Detective Colyer not to enter the boy's room "for fear there would be murder." A revolver was under Macdonald's pillow, but before he could reach it he was covered by the detective's gun, and submitted gracefully. Walter and Ernest Macdonald were also arrested here. They are no relation to each other.

## MANY DEATHS IN EARTHQUAKE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

San Salvador, Jan. 3.—Newspapers of this city declare that no fewer than 2500 people lost their lives in the Guatemala earthquake. Early reports on the earthquake, which began Christmas day, declared the loss of life was heavy, some estimates reaching 1,000. A Guatemala City despatch of December 31, however, said that only a few persons had been killed.

## BUREAU WILL BE REORGANIZED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Washington, Jan. 3.—General reorganization of the ordnance bureau with experienced business men at the head of important divisions under the chief of ordnance, was announced tonight by the War Department.

Hon. Robert Murray of Chatham, provincial secretary, is registered at the Queen.

## AN OPTIMISTIC MESSAGE FROM LLOYD GEORGE

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—The Prime Minister has received through the Governor General the following New Year's message from the Right Honorable David Lloyd George, the British Prime Minister:

"At the beginning of a new year, I wish to send, on behalf of the war cabinet, to the government and people of Canada, a message of good will and confidence. We are now on the fourth year of war. Despite many setbacks and disappointments, we are also far on in the path to victory. By standing firm the Allies will not only restore liberty to Europe, but give lasting peace to the world. In the accomplishment of this great work, the peoples will have played a greater part than those who are members of the British commonwealth. Against their steadfast courage the legions of autocracy have cast themselves in vain, and the Empire, which the militarists of Prussia persuaded themselves would crumble at a blow, has proved itself the best united and the most massive of the bulwarks of freedom, because it has itself sprung from the eternal soil of freedom. I have good hopes that before this new year is past, the purpose to which we have set our hand will have been completely accomplished."

## MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FAVORS CHANGING RULE OF ROAD

### Majority Believe New Brunswick Should Conform with Maine and Western Provinces--Grant of \$500 to Victoria Hospital

The Municipal Council of York County this morning placed itself on record as favoring a change in the "rule of the road," making the rule to turn to the right instead of to the left. The change was advocated in order to make the rule in New Brunswick correspond with that in other provinces and the State of Maine. Mr. Chas. FitzRandolph gave a statement of the expenditure of the county grant for Halifax relief, and will report further. The usual grant of five hundred dollars was voted Victoria Public Hospital.

#### Halifax Relief.

When the council resumed Thursday morning Warden Brewer invited Mr. Charles FitzRandolph to make a statement with regard to Halifax Relief, the check for \$5,000 voted by the council having been made payable to him.

Mr. FitzRandolph explained that he had stayed in Halifax but a few days, as artisans were needed and not men who could merely do executive work. Money was one of the urgent needs. Col. Bob Lowe had said that carpenters, glaziers and plumbers were

needed and also building material. Later it was announced that carpenters only were needed.

A crew of twenty-one men under Mr. W. J. Carten was sent from Fredericton at a daily cost of \$64. The crew built its own shack and lodged and boarded itself. Twenty days' work had just expired. The efforts of the crew had been much appreciated by the Halifax people. Transportation amounted to \$299.25, which it was possible the C.P.R. would refund. He gave details of the expenditure which totalled \$2,113.09 with some bills outstanding. Roughly \$2,300 had been expended for the twenty days' work of the crew. Personally he would recommend that they be kept there for another ten days' period, and the balance of the \$5,000 sent to the Relief Committee in Halifax.

#### Action Approved.

Coun. Smith expressed the opinion that the expenditure of the grant had been done in an excellent manner. He moved that the crew be kept in Halifax until the grant should all be expended. Coun. Pat Graham seconded the motion.

Mr. FitzRandolph said that he would (Continued on page 5.)

## GOVERNMENT WILL CONTROL SECURITIES OF PROVINCE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—With reference to Sir Lomer Gouin's protest on the ground of unconstitutionality against the recent order-in-council of the Dominion government prohibiting the issue of securities of provinces, municipalities and companies without the consent of the Minister of Finance, Sir Thos. White made the following statement to the press:

"The order-in-council was long overdue. It was drafted in January last and passed upon by the Department of Justice, with the written opinion that as a war measure it was within the express jurisdiction of the Dominion under the terms of the British North America Act. If the Dominion Government has no power to regulate or control issues of provincial governments, it would seem to follow that it has no power to regulate or control issues of municipalities or companies which derive their charters and powers from provincial authority.

#### Only One Protest.

Only one protest has been received against the control by the government of bond quotations, and that is the protest as referred to above, of the Quebec government. There is no doubt here as to the legality and constitutionality of the ordinance. In event of the Quebec government violating the ordinance, there has been no statement of the action to be taken by the Federal government, but many believe that any moneys secured by bond issues in violation of the Federal government's ordinance, or without consent of the Federal government, will be invalid.

## The Teutons do Not Want Real Democratic Peace

### RECRUITING FIGURES NOT ENCOURAGING

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—Recruiting figures showing the number of men enlisted in the infantry, artillery, railway construction and forestry units in Canada and the United States during the first half of December, and the wastage in the Expeditionary forces in the same period, have been issued by the Militia Department. The figures reveal a net loss for that month of 1,621 men, the total enlistments being 2,081, against a total wastage of 3,702.

#### INCREASE THE USE OF FISH.

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—The food controller, through the fish committee of his office, is starting a campaign to increase the use in Canada of fresh and frozen fish.

## Petrograd Newspapers Believe That They Have Thrown off the Mask---The Russians Want the Meeting Place Transferred to Neutral Soil.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

PETROGRAD, Jan. 3.—Petrograd newspapers are unanimous in declaring that the Germans and Austrians have, after one week, thrown off the mask and made it clear that the Central Powers do not want a real democratic peace.

The Pravda says: "German imperialism is again beginning to show its claws." Germany's apparent unwillingness to give Poland, Lithuania, Livonia, Courland and Esthonia the privilege of free self-definition is the rock upon which the negotiations threaten to go to pieces.

The Russian peace delegation officially has suggested to the Central Powers that the meeting place of the peace delegates be transferred to neutral soil and has protested against certain articles in the Austro-German terms already submitted. The halt in the Russo-German peace negotiations, and indications of a German idea to move the conference to Stockholm, have revived universal discussion in Petrograd of a resumption of fighting with a greatly reduced army, probably three million men.

#### ARDENT PEACE ADVOCATES SAY THAT A

#### RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES IS IMMINENT

Even the most radical Bolsheviks and the most ardent peace movements have been aroused by the German position. They declare that a resumption of hostilities is imminent, and express the belief that it is possible to organize and make effective a small army.

Indications are that the German attitude is harmonizing in domestic differences and is convincing the Russians that they must fight to save their revolutionary principles.

Chairman Joffe, of the Russian peace delegation, today sent an official telegram to the chairman of the German, Austrian, Bulgarian and Turkish delegations saying the Russian republic deems it necessary to conduct further peace negotiations on neutral soil, and suggesting a transfer of the conference to Stockholm.

#### AUSTRO-GERMAN TERMS ARE IN CONFLICT WITH PRINCIPLES OF SELF-DEFINITION OF NATIONS

The telegram declares that replies to the message are expected by Russia in Petrograd. Articles 1 and 2 of the Austro-German terms submitted Dec. 12 (Dec. 25 new style) the message says, are in direct conflict with the principles of self-definition of nations insisted upon by the Russian peace delegation and supported by the Russian republic and the central executive committee of the congress of workmen's and soldiers' delegates.

Articles 1 and 2, as cabled under Brest-Litovsk date by way of Berlin last Sunday, covered the ending of a state of war and the evacuation of occupied territory. In article 2, however, it was declared that the people of Poland, Lithuania, Courland and portions of Esthonia and Livonia, demand independence and separation from Russia, and the German occupation of Russian territory did not apply to these districts, which include most of the Russian territory captured by the Germans.

#### GERMAN NEWSPAPERS BOAST THAT PEACE FORMULA CONTAINS NOTHING THAT IS BINDING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Extracts from many of the leading German papers received here by cable today contain boasts that the peace formula given the Russians by Von Kuehlmann and Count Czernin mean nothing and have no binding force on Germany. They agree that Germany never will give up certain lands she has conquered, but some of the editors suggest that what cannot be appropriated by violence may be taken by agreement. Sneering references are made to the "democratic peace" demanded by Russia, with the explanation that the German delegates have used the term only in a polite form.

## SOLDIERS' VOTE BEING COUNTED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—Allocation of military votes cast in England and on the continent of Europe opened today. In the case of polls held in France and Belgium, the votes were allocated to the various constituents and counted in Paris. Those cast in Great Britain are allocated and counted in London. It is not expected that the result will be known before the end of the month. Allocation and counting of military and naval votes cast in North America opens in Ottawa early next week.

## WEEK'S LOSSES IN SHIPPING

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Paris, Jan. 3.—Nine French merchant ships of more than 1600 tons were sunk by submarines or mines during the week ending Dec. 29. There were no losses of vessels under 1600 tons, or of fishing ships. Two attacks on steamers failed.

#### ECONOMY AT OTTAWA

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—At a meeting of the cabinet today it was decided in order to conserve the coal supply, to close down the coal mines.